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SUMMARY: ON BASIS ECON/COUNS REPRESENTATIONS TO FONOFF AND JCAB, EMBASSY BELIEVES THERE IS REASONABLE CHANCE THAT SUPPLEMENTALS WILL BE PERMITTED TO QTE BORROW UNQTE AGAINST FUTURE QUOTA FOR OPERATION OF FLIGHTS CONTRACTED FOR FIRST QUARTER. JCAB HAS PROMISED TO GIVE US FINAL ANSWER IN FEW DAYS. END SUMMARY.

1. IN FOLLOW-UP TO REPRESENTATION AT FONOFF (REFTEL B), ECONCOUNS CALLED ON HAZAMA, DEPUTY DIR-GEN FOR INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS, JCAB, ON FEB 1. ECON/COUNS EXPRESSED UNDERSTANDING OF FACT THAT JCAB HAD ESTABLISHED LIMIT OF TEN FREQUENCIES FOR FIRST QUARTER ON BASIS OF INFORMATION AVAILABLE AT THE TIME AND AGREED THAT IT WAS UNFORTUNATE THAT SUPPLEMENTALS HAD NOT CONVEYED THEIR FIRST QUARTER PROGRAMS TO JCAB UNTIL AFTER THAT DECISION HAD BEEN MADE. HE ALSO APPRECIATED *ACT THAT SCHEDULED AIRLINES HAD CUT BACK ON PREVIOUSLY CONTRACTED TOURIST CHARTERS AT JCAB'S BEHEST. HOWEVER, REITERATING ARGUMENTS MADE PREVIOUSLY AT FONOFF (REF B), I.E. SMALL NUMBER OF FLIGHTS REQUESTED BY SUPPLEMENTALS AND FACT THAT SITUATION OF SUPPLEMENTALS IS QUITE

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DIFFERENT FROM THAT OF SCHEDULED CARRIERS, ECON/COUNS

AGAIN STRONGLY URGED THAT ALL CONTRACTED FLIGHTS BE PERMITTED TO OPERATE IN FIRST QUARTER.

2. HAZAMA SAID JCAB HAD MATTER UNDER ACTIVE CONSIDERATION AS RESULT OF ECON/COUNS' REPRESENTATION TO FONOFF AND THAT HE COULD EXPECT REPLY WITHIN A FEW DAYS.

3. COMMENT: EMBASSY BELIEVES REPRESENTATIONS MADE DIRECTLY TO GOJ OFFICIALS WHO WILL MAKE DECISIONS ON CHARTER QUOTA FOR SUPPLEMENTALS OFFER BEST CHANCE FOR FAVORABLE RESOLUTION OF QUOTA ISSUE. ACCORDINGLY, IT DECIDED AGAINST DRISCOLL SUGGESTION PARA 2 REF A. OUR INFORMAL DISCUSSIONS WITH JCAB ENCOURAGE US TO BELIEVE THAT JCAB WILL GIVE SYMPATHETIC CONSIDERATION TO PROPOSAL FOR QTE BORROWING UNQTE AGAINST QUOTA FOR FULL YEAR.
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